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SUBJECT: CERP 0008 - EVALUATION OF UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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LONDON FOR IMCO, MONTREAL FOR ICAO, PARIS FOR UNESCO,
ROME FOR FODAG, VIENNA FOR IAEA AND UNIDO

1. SUMMARY: CERP 0008 IS DUE IN DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 1.
INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR
DEPARTMENT'S PREPARATION FOR MAY CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS
AND JUNE SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL. IN 1974
REPORT, ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONCENTRATE ON

ITEMS LISTED IN THIS INSTRUCTION. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTION POSTS ARE REMINDED THAT CERP 0008, EVALUATION OF UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, IS DUE IN THE DEPARTMENT EACH YEAR BY APRIL 1. TIMELY RESPONSE IS URGENTLY REQUESTED SO THAT MATERIAL CONTAINED THEREIN MAY BE UTILIZED IN PREPARATION FOR MAY CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND JUNE SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL. TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGED IF NECESSARY TO MEET DUE DATE. POSTS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT COPIES OF CERP 0008 REPORTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS TO THE UN ORGANIZATIONS SO THAT THERE MAY BE NO DELAY IN TAKING UP APPROPRIATE PROBLEMS WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED:

USUN NEW YORK, US MISSION GENEVA, AMEMBASSY PARIS (UNESCO), AMEMBASSY ROME (FODAG), AMEMBASSY VIENNA (IAEA AND UNIDO), AND AMCONGEN MONTREAL (ICAO). IN ORDER TO ENSURE FULL WASHINGTON DISTRIBUTION, REPORTS UNDER CERP 0008 SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED UNDER STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTING FORMAT (I.E. THEY SHOULD NOT BE TRANSMITTED AS TOAID MESSAGES).

3. INFORMATION PROVIDED IN CERP 0008 IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. SUCH MONITORING IS ESSENTIAL IF THE DEPARTMENT IS TO ENSURE THAT US CONTRIBUTIONS TO THESE PROGRAMS ARE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED AND TO JUSTIFY FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONGRESS. WHILE THIS EVALUATION IS INTENDED TO COVER ALL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THE UN SYSTEM, IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WITH REGARD TO THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS, TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS TO CONTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY 175 MILLION DOLS IN 1974.
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CHIEF AMONG THESE PROGRAMS IS THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP), TO WHICH A CONTRIBUTION OF 90 MILLION DOLS IS CONTEMPLATED.

4. CERP 0008 REPORTS ARE ALSO OF VALUE AS BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR PREPARATION OF USG POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, AND FOR FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH UN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES; AND THEY PROVIDE AID WITH USEFUL DATA FOR THE PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF US BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

5. IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING INFORMATION OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT

IN PREPARING FOR THE JUNE 1974 SESSION OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, ACTION POSTS ARE ASKED TO CONCENTRATE IN THE PREPARATION OF THEIR 1974 REPORTS ON THE TOPICS LISTED BELOW. POSTS WHICH MAY HAVE ALREADY PREPARED THEIR REPORTS UNDER EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT REVISED REPORTS BUT ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION IF IN THEIR JUDGMENT MATERIAL OF SIGNIFICANCE CALLED FOR BELOW HAS NOT BEEN COVERED. POSTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE IN THEIR REPORTS INFORMATION ON ANY OTHER TOPICS WHICH THEY BELIEVE TO BE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

(A) ROLE OF UNDP IN UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM - TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE THE EFFECTIVE LEADER OF ALL UNDP ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATOR

OF ALL OTHER UN SYSTEM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. INCLUDE COMMENTS ON THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS WITH THE VARIOUS UN AGENCIES, BOTH AT FIELD AND HEADQUARTERS LEVELS. ARE UNDP AND IBRD UNDERTAKINGS COORDINATED AND COMPLIMENTARY? IS UNICEF PARTICIPATING IN UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE?

(B) COORDINATION OF ALL EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - DESCRIBE MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, BOTH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE ROLE OF THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

(C) COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEWS - UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMS HAVE NOW BEEN APPROVED FOR 100 COUNTRIES AND A NUMBER OF TERRITORIES. DESCRIBE ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED WITH RESPECT TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THESE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING WHERE APPLICABLE, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REVIEW AND PROGRAM DEFICIENCIES REMEDIED AS A RESULT. INCLUDE ALSO THE DEGREE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW BY THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, EXECUTING AGENCY PERSONNEL, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL DONORS. (SEPARATE REQUESTS WILL BE SENT TO COUNTRIES FOR WHICH COUNTRY PROGRAMS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL IN 1974.)

(D) APPRAISAL OF PROPOSED PROJECTS - PLEASE SUMMARIZE ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO A-1149, JANUARY 11, 1974, AND AIDTO CIRCULAR A-676, JUNE 14, 1973, WHICH INSTRUCTED

POSTS TO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES AND TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR UNDP FUNDING.

(E) PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION - PLEASE COMMENT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ONGOING PROJECTS. PLEASE GIVE EXAMPLES OF PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL OR PARTICULARLY WEAK PROJECTS. WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE UNDP, THE EXECUTING AGENCIES OR THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN OR ELIMINATE WEAK PROJECTS? ALSO PLEASE COMMENT ON TIMELINESS AND SUFFICIENCY OF HOST COUNTRY COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS AND PERSONNEL.

(F) PROJECT EVALUATION - THE UNDP HAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED A TRIPARTITE REVIEW SYSTEM WHICH PROVIDES FOR ANNUAL REVIEW OF ALL LARGE SCALE PROJECTS

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